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SHIP ON FIRE IN H.K. HARBOUR

Rubber Ablaze In The No. 1 Hold

FIRE FLOATS' STRUGGLE TO SUBDUE FLAMES

The 4,455-ton Hongkong registered ship, Victoria Peak, fired on by Communist shore batteries off Lingding as she was approaching Hongkong yesterday evening, caught alight in her No. 1 hold at 4.20 this morning while at anchor off Green Island.

The hold, containing cotton and rubber was still alight six hours later and the fire was then reported to be spreading.

Two fire boats were despatched to the vessel at the request of the Master and they fought the outbreak for several hours. At 6.20 a.m. the ship was given permission to move from her position off Green Island to the dangerous goods anchorage off Stonecutters.

The unfortunate adventures of the Fire Brigade, together with a surveyor from the Marine Department went out to the ship.

At 9.40 a report was made that the rubber was still alight and the fire gave signs of spreading.

The Victoria Peak was formerly the Caduceus, built in 1927. The ship was involved in an incident last year when she was held for several months by the Nationalists at Kaohsiung, Formosa.

It is understood that the Victoria Peak was twice hit by shells from the Communist shore batteries, but whether these were the indirect cause of this morning's fire cannot be ascertained.

By noon the fire had become completely under control and it was possible to withdraw one of the fire boats.

It was learned that one of the ship's crew received injuries and that he was removed from the Victoria Peak during the morning.

Lingding is a few miles south of Hongkong.

The firing went on for 15 minutes, but no report was made as to whether any hits were registered.

Eventually the Victoria Peak reached Hongkong and anchored off Green Island.

At 4.20 this morning the Master reported to the Marine Department that a fire had broken out in No. 1 hold, where cotton and rubber was stored.

Two fire boats and police launches went to the assistance and managed to subdue the blaze.

Two hours later, with the hold still dangerously smouldering the ship was transferred to the dangerous goods anchorage.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Mr W.J. Gorman, Chief Officer of

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Insufficient Doctors

IN his annual report for the year ending March 31, 1950, tabled recently in the Legislative Council, the Director of Medical Services made the disquieting disclosure that his department is gravely short of senior medical officers and specialists. In addition to the loss of Dr Thomas, on retirement, Dr Farr, Senior Radiologist who has returned to England, and Dr Hackett, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, transferred to Nigeria, four other senior local doctors resigned to go into private practice during the year. And, so far as we understand, it has not yet been possible to fill all of these vacancies with men possessing the highest qualifications. This is a serious situation, for, in the public interest, it is necessary that the Medical Department should be properly staffed; and particularly that there should be available at the hospitals coming within the jurisdiction of the Department specialists and fully qualified and experienced senior medical officers. Main contributing factor to the recruitment problem appears to be unenticing conditions of employment. The DMS admits that recruitment both locally and from the United Kingdom has been exceedingly poor and adds the notation, "It seems likely that the department, which depends to a large extent on the medical staff available, will encounter more

difficulties in the future unless the emoluments and conditions of service are improved sufficiently for the Medical Department to compete on more level terms with the National Health Service in the United Kingdom." If Government is prepared to concede that its hospitals must be adequately staffed no further hesitation should be shown in revising the service conditions and emoluments in such a way that the best suited doctors and specialists are attracted to the Service. Government, to the satisfaction of the public, has succeeded in making substantial cuts in administrative costs, but it would be false economy to apply the principle of chiselling to the Medical Department if this results in its hospitals being denied qualified medical officers. It is axiomatic that hospitals should be 100 per cent efficient, but clearly this is difficult to attain if there is any shortage of senior staff. We do not think the taxpayers would begrudge extra expenditure in this direction inasmuch that for Government hospitals to possess the best qualified and experienced doctors and specialists is an asset to the community. Government can afford to offer more lucrative conditions to practitioners both here and in the United Kingdom without ruining the Colony's finances.

Trouble Looms In Iran

THE troubled atmosphere in Iran which has virtually brought operations in one of the world's greatest oilfields to a standstill compels swift action if the situation is not to be allowed to deteriorate disastrously. More than £200 millions of British money has been invested in the oilfields, and strategically the stake is not less important than the financial. That step is imperative and for the benefit of the Iranian as well of British interests. Behind the flare-up, of course, is Communist agitation, skilfully directed from Moscow, and finding fertile soil in the cupidity of wealthy land-owners. Wealth notoriously breeds the desire for more wealth. And all the Middle East countries are realising that they are not getting 'all the profit' they could get from their own oil. The mere fact that the oilfields have been pioneered by

foreign enterprise is discreetly overlooked. When this sentiment is whipped up over a brisk flame of nationalism, an explosive situation develops. For in the Middle East nationalism is something which burns superficially but very violently. And since the aim is to detach oilfields from Anglo-American control, it is getting the 100 per cent backing of Russia. To permit herself to be edged out of Persia, Britain would lose six per cent of the world's oil output; and with it, the world's biggest refinery. Not a pleasing prospect. What the effective answer is at the moment is unfortunately not clear. Landing of protective troops raises fears in Teheran of a direct Soviet riposte. Nevertheless, decisions require to be made—and cannot wait. Visions of disaster if the dispute is not soon settled do not lack substance.

Much-Needed Rest



DEMAND FOR PROBE INTO U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES

Republican Party's Unanimous Decision

Washington, Apr. 16.

Senate Republicans agreed unanimously on Monday there should be a "full and complete" investigation of American foreign and military policy as a result of the dismissal of General MacArthur.

The decision was taken at a closed Party conference and announced by the chairman of the conference, Mr George Millikin.

Mr Millikin said: "It was the unanimous opinion that there should be a full and complete investigation of foreign and military policy in the light of the dismissal of General MacArthur."

Senator Millikin disclosed that the "question of impeachment" of Mr Truman was raised by several Senators but it was the consensus that "final conclusions" should await the outcome of the proposed inquiry.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee was instructed to draft a resolution proposing machinery for the investigation. Mr Millikin said no decision was reached on procedure, but most of the discussion involved proposals for a special committee representing both the Senate and the House.

While reporting "a number of suggestions that the President should be impeached," he did not identify the authors of these suggestions. Asked if any grounds were suggested, he said it was pointed out that President Truman in speeches last week referred to "war" in Korea and there had been no declaration of war by Congress. He said it was also suggested "the whole range of his activities" might be involved.

President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur "indicates a compromise to our allies," according to Senator Bridges. He added: "What we can gain by compromise does not balance disunity among our own people, especially among our servicemen in Korea." —United Press.

Refinery Strikers Drift Back

PICKETS REMOVED

Teheran, Apr. 16.

Oil refinery workers began to drift back to work today in the strife-torn Persian Gulf port of Abadan.

About 3,200 of the 14,000 strikers, who returned to the Anglo-Iranian Company's refinery this morning found no pickets to deter them.

All the 30 Americans in the port had evacuated but no British families had left.

The country was today in the grip of fear at the possibility of finding foreign troops on Persian soil.

Many Persians believed that a landing by British forces in South Persia to protect British lives and property might bring Russian troops in from the north.

The Prime Minister, Hussein Aia, was understood to have himself given expression to this belief in private conversation.

This morning the Senate (Upper House) voted unanimous confidence in him, and his Government.

MINISTERS TO MEET

Government Ministers had been called to a special meeting for later today to consider the explosive situation in Abadan where yesterday the Anglo-Iranian refinery was virtually closed down.

Today, tankers were being loaded from storage tanks in the port.

The capital, Teheran, was quiet but the atmosphere throughout the country remained heavy and troubled. In Isfahan, where riots broke out last week, the situation was "a little better, but not good."

In the capital agitators were trying to induce workers in the tobacco monopoly to strike but so far without success.

Reports that the Shah planned to leave the country for medical treatment were rejected by a court official. For the time being, the Shah would remain in the country—but might call in foreign specialists to operate on him.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Arab-Asian group said the emergency session when full details of the Pyongyang offer were officially revealed. — United Press.

EDITH MOLLER PROTEST

London, Apr. 16.

Britain is protesting to the provincial Chinese Nationalist authorities in Formosa against the interception of the British motor vessel Edith Moller, on April 10.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, Mr Kenneth Younger, the Minister of State, said that the British Consul at Tamsui had been instructed to make representations.

Mr William Tedring, Conservative Member of Parliament, who relayed the matter, said that the gumbot confiscated all the Edith Moller's charts, which caused her to return to Hongkong. She was on her way to Shanghai. —Reuters.

Wreckage Of Warship Found

Washington, Apr. 16. The wreckage of a vessel, believed to be the 79-year-old warship Monitor, has been found in 120 feet of water off Cape Hatteras on the American east coast. The United States Navy announced here.

The Monitor was the first of the iron-clad warships built for the Union Navy in the civil war and launched in January, 1862. Other vessels of similar design took their name from the Monitor. She was 179 feet long and weighed 1,200 tons.

A revolving turret, protected by eight inches of iron armour and containing two 11-inch guns, stood on the deck which was only 18 inches above water.

The Monitor's sides were covered by iron plates and the deck shields by one-inch armour.

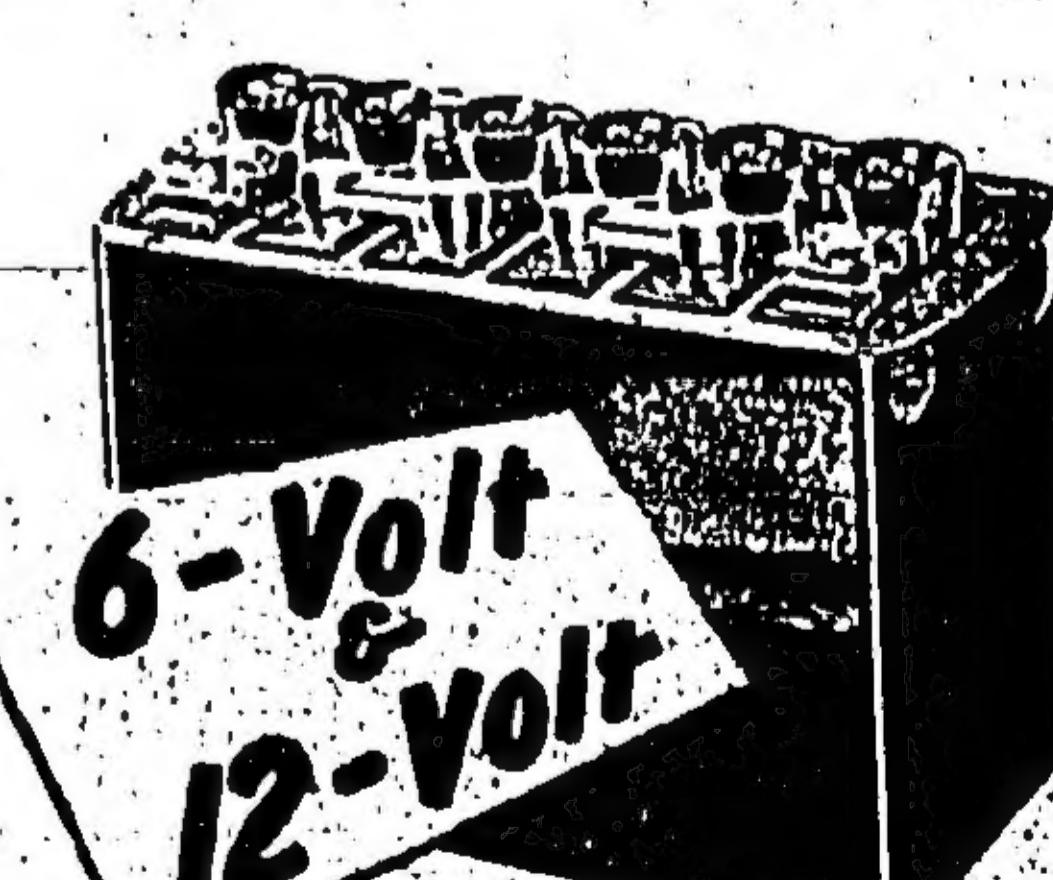
Her first battle—a four-hour close range duel with a Confederate iron-clad—was undecided because neither vessel was able to inflict much damage on the other.

The Monitor foundered and sank in heavy seas off Cape Hatteras on April 30, 1862.

The Navy said it had no plan to raise the vessel or to dispose of the wreckage. —Reuters.

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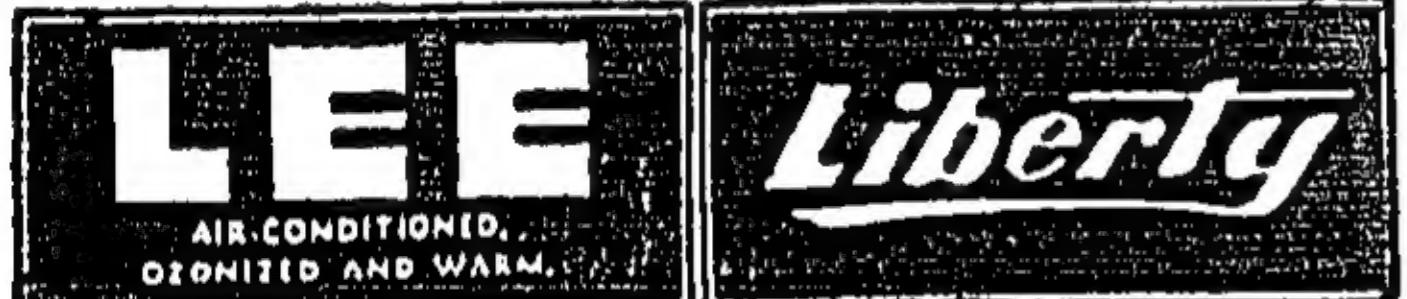
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Sentence On MP Quashed

London, Apr. 16. A Ceylon Supreme Court order, finding a Member of Parliament guilty of contempt of court, ought not to have been made, the Privy Council said today.

Reasons were announced for the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in quashing a sentence on Arthur Reginald Perera, a Member of the Ceylon House of Representatives, on appeal.

Perera was sentenced by Mr Justice Basnayake to a fine of 500 rupees with six weeks' rigorous imprisonment in default for making an entry in the visitors' book at the Ceylon Remand Prison which was judged to be a contempt of court.

His appeal was allowed by the Judicial Committee in London on Feb. 28. Perera wrote in the visitors' book: "The present practice of appeals of remand prisoners being heard in their absence is not healthy. When represented by Counsel or otherwise, the prisoner should be present at the proceedings."

Lord Radcliffe, one of the three Law Lords who granted the appeal, said that Perera's information was incorrect but he made no public use of it, contenting himself with entering his comment and writing to the responsible Minister.

He was acting in good faith and in discharge of what he believed to be his duty as a Member of the Legislature. It was not until some time later that he learned that, in so far as a petitioner had his petition dealt with in his absence, it was the procedure of the Court—not the rules of the prison authorities—that brought this about.

Lord Radcliffe said that any money paid by Perera by way of fine should be repaid, and that the Crown must pay any costs he incurred in the proceedings in Ceylon and the costs of his appeal.—Reuters

Charge Denied

Washington, Apr. 16. American officials today flatly denied Soviet reports that there were United States aircraft based in Pakistan. A spokesman for the Near East division of the State Department said there is absolutely no truth to such reports. He had no knowledge of any American engineers being in Pakistan to start an airbase, even for the Pakistani Government.

The spokesman said there was one official American plane based in Karachi—that belonging to the United States military attaché. This was for the use of diplomatic personnel and it was in line with procedure at every important Embassy abroad.—United Press.

London, Apr. 16. An Ethiopian contingent of 1,163 officers and men left Addis Ababa today for Korea. It was learned here. The contingent is going to Korea by way of Jibuti.—Reuters.

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Princess At The Ball

Princess Elizabeth shown dancing with the Governor of Malta, Sir Gerald Creasy, at the garrison ball at the Phoenix Hotel in Valletta, Malta, last week. —Central Press Photo.

PERSIAN ASSURANCES TO LONDON ON OIL DISPUTE**No Intention Of Depriving Britain Of Her Supplies**

London, Apr. 16. Persia has no intention of depriving Britain of oil by her decision to nationalise the oil industry, or of giving the oil to any other country.

The Persian Ambassador in London, M. Ali Soheily, gave this assurance in London today.

In an official five-point statement, which has the approval of the Persian Government, the Ambassador stated the Persian case in order to correct what he considers erroneous impressions of the circumstances of the oil dispute and the nationalisation

The Ambassador warned that the current Anglo-American talks on Persia, insofar as they affect oil problems, are considered as interference in Persian affairs and have no validity for Persia.

M. Soheily said that his Government considered that where two countries are discussing the economic situation of a third, the first step should be to invite a representative of the country whose affairs are under discussion.

M. Soheily said, "To ascribe to Communist intrigue and agitation the nationalist movement in Persia is blinding at hard facts and trying to find scapegoats for a purely nationalistic sequence of social evolution."

"The recent disturbances in the South of Persia are deeply regretted and abhorred by all Persians and the Persian Government has been trying with determination and resolve to restore order and calm all over the country and the situation is under control."

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The Persian Ambassador said that Persia had not by any standards received a fair and reasonable share of her vast oil resources in the exploitation of which colossal benefits had accrued to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

"It should be borne in mind," Mr. Soheily said, "that oil comprises the major national wealth of Persia and that the oil extraction from Persia is actually a great deal more precious than gold or dollars."

He added, "Repeated attempts on the part of Persia in the last few years to obtain a just share of the oil profits and an honourable and equitable part in the control and administration of this vital concern to Persia have not met with that spirit of partnership and foresighted co-operation so essential to the smooth working of a national enterprise of this calibre."

The Duke declined to answer any questions on controversial political matters. He said it took him four years to write his memoirs. As an advice to authors, he cited Mr Churchill's expression, "blood, sweat and tears."

The Duke said that he and the Duchess expected to remain here until next month, then go to Paris and possibly do a little travelling in Europe. He did not say whether he would visit England.—Reuters

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Newsmen Assaulted By Police

Honolulu, Apr. 16. Three Press and newsreel photographers complained today they were struck, pushed or knocked down by United States Air Force military police while covering the arrival of General MacArthur.

K. Shimogaki, photographer for the Honolulu Advertiser, said he was knocked to the ground and not able to take any shots.

An unidentified newsreel cameraman said he was struck in the throat by another policeman.

Carl Mydans, a photographer for Life magazine, said one policeman grabbed his arm, twisted it behind his back and pushed him, as General MacArthur's plane taxied to a stop.

He said: "When I protested, an Air Force captain walked over and said: 'Shut up and get out of here.'"

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Left Fortune To Govt.

Bangkok, Apr. 16. A wealthy Chinese merchant bequeathed 30,000,000 baht to the Thai Government, the Ministry of Education was notified today by the sons of Ung Kai Tai, deceased millionaire of the province of Nakorn Sritammarat.

This is the largest private bequest in Thailand's history.

Ung Kai Tai in his will directed that the 30,000,000 baht be used for the furtherance of education. Ung, who died at an early age from China, His estate in the mines and rubber plantations reportedly was one-fourth of Thailand's tin and rubber plantations.

He is survived by five sons, who were reportedly given only 1,000,000 baht each.—United Press.

ECA Mission Disbanded

Washington, Apr. 16. The Economic Co-operation Administration disclosed today that it disbanded its mission in Korea on April 7 and turned over some of its functions to the Army. The move was in line with a United Nations resolution adopted last December, under which the world organisation will assume responsibility for rebuilding—the war-ravaged nation.

Until the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency is fully organised, the Army will handle the programme on a temporary basis.—United Press.

Divorce Rate Slumps

London, Apr. 16. Divorces in Great Britain dropped from 58,444 in 1947 to 42,711 in 1948 and 34,217 in 1949. Judicial Statistics disclosed today. Of the divorces granted in 1948, 16,377 were based on grounds of desertion and 14,666 on adultery.—Associated Press.

SYRIANS ACCEPT UN TERMS**Talks For Border Settlement**

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 16. Syria today joined Israel in accepting the four conditions set by the United Nations for resuming the talks over disputed areas along their inflamed border.

But observers here were not sure that twin acceptance of the United Nations pre-requisites would bring about a local settlement without recourse to the United Nations Security Council.

Colonel Bonnet de Ridder, acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations, announced the acceptance by Syria of the proposals accepted by Israel last week.

A United Nations communiqué said they called for:

(1) Removal of all troops from the demilitarised zone along the troubled border;

(2) Cessation of all incidents;

(3) Provision of facilities for United Nations observers to carry out their work;

(4) Reaffirmation of the right of the United Nations chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission to implement Article (5) of the agreement calling for the "gradual restoration of normal civilian life."—United Press.

ISRAEL EXPLAINS

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 16. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Moshe Sharett, today received the diplomatic envoys of the United States, Britain and France to explain Israel's point of view in the Israel-Syrian border dispute.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Monnet B. Davis, the British Minister, Sir Knox Helm, and the French Minister, M. Edward Guyon, called separately at Dr. Sharett's invitation.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that Israel is protesting to the United Nations acting Chief of Staff, Colonel Bonnet de Ridder, against the massing of Syrian troops along the Israeli border which Israel claims is contrary to the armistice agreement.—Reuters.

REFUGEE PROBLEM

Damascus, Apr. 16. The Syrian Prime Minister, Khalid Azem Bey, today received the Ministers of Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Turkey, whose Governments are members of the Security Council.

The Premier handed the Ministers two memoranda. The first was on the Palestine refugee problem and the other on Arab refugees' frozen capital.

Other Arab governments are adopting a similar procedure.

About 850,000 Palestine refugees are receiving United Nations relief until they are resettled in Arab territory. America has contributed \$20 million to this work. The refugees' capital was frozen on the outbreak of hostilities in Palestine. The Israeli Government has offered to pay compensation for refugees' land.—Reuters.

Eleanor Quits

Geneva, Apr. 16. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today withdrew from the chairmanship of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, which she had headed since its establishment in 1946. She nominated as her successor Dr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon, who was elected by unanimous vote.—United Press.

Storing Up Atom Weapons

Washington, Apr. 16. The United States is stockpiling atomic weapons of all sorts at the fastest speed in history and is keeping these weapons, including most up to date kinds in a state of constant readiness for use if war comes.

It is also engaged in an expansion programme greater than the original \$2,200,000,000 atomic project of World War II. At the same time, it is operating a going project considerably greater than the wartime programme.

This and more is reported in testimony by Atomic Energy Commission officials before the House Appropriations sub-Committee. Testimony showed that the Commission through the next fiscal year will have received \$5,287,000,000.

In the new fiscal year it will spend a record \$1,277,000,000. A big piece of that will go to operate recently-completed or soon-to-be-completed atomic explosives plants, including two new Uranium-235 works at Oakridge, Tennessee.

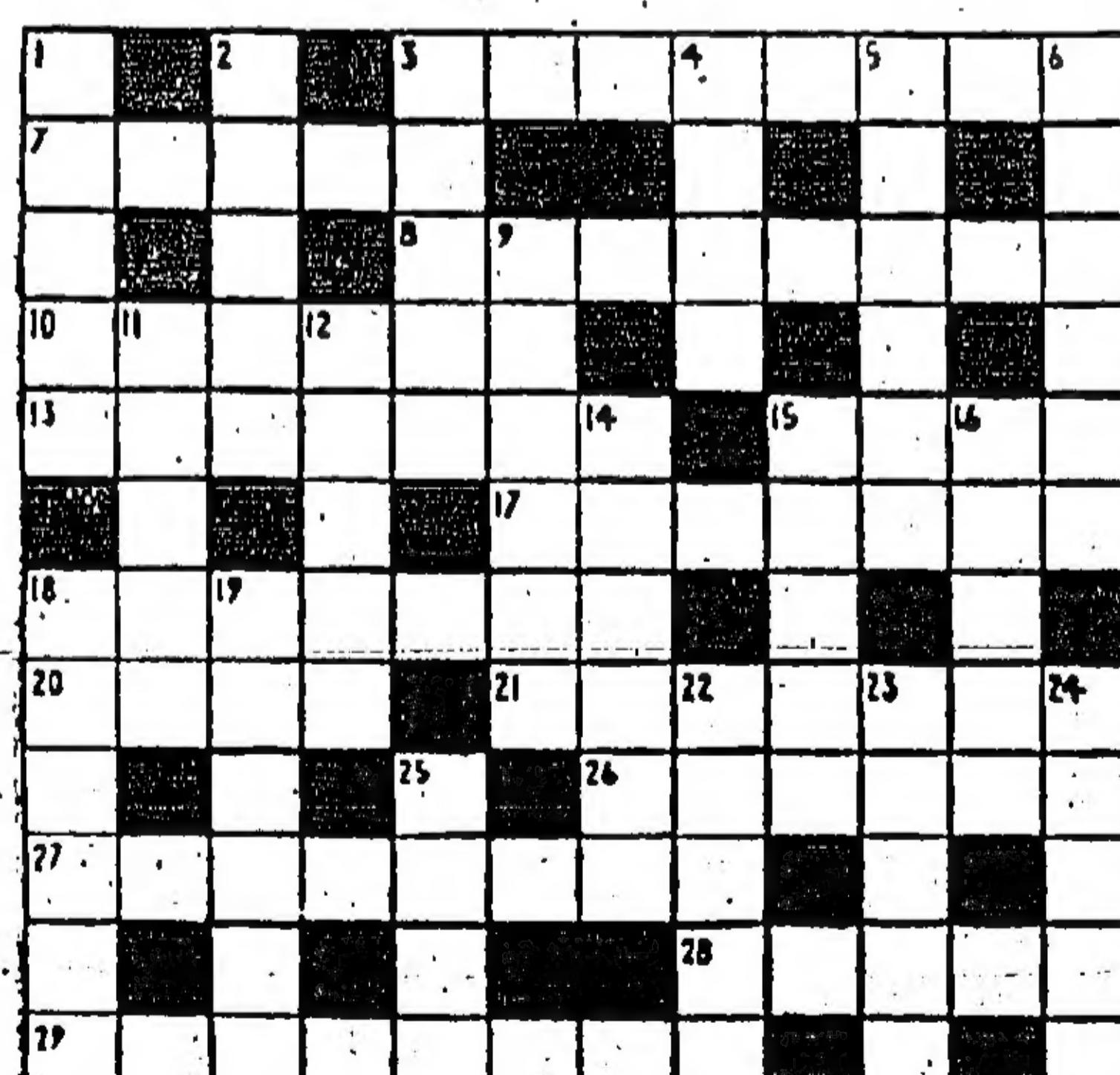
For the first time, the Commission is asking money to operate two new atomic "furnaces"—a "breeder" and a material-testing reactor. The breeder will produce atomic fuel out of "inert" raw materials. If it works—and tests starting late this Spring or in early summer are expected to prove it will—the country's potential atomic reserves will be multiplied by a factor of more than 100.—United Press.

KRA Isthmus Canal Again

Bangkok, Apr. 16. It was reported that the House of Representatives proposed in a letter to Premier Phibun Songkram that the Government consider cutting a canal across the Kra Isthmus and open negotiations for a loan from the World Bank for the proposed Canal.

A Representative from the province of Isanbul in northeast Thailand reportedly explained that the Canal would improve Thailand's economic conditions and strategic position, therefore he believed Thailand, now definitely in the democratic camp, would be supported by the United States and other democratic countries. Maj-General Karp Kunjara, the Premier's secretary general, told the United Press, however, that the Prime Minister's office had not yet received the request but it might have been handed to the Premier personally.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. Sink.
- 7. Turkish title.
- 8. One who discourses.
- 10. Beast.
- 13. Church screen.
- 15. Glut.
- 17. Depict.
- 18. Lover.
- 20. Idiot.
- 21. Agitated.
- 22. Complete.
- 27. Opening.
- 28. Territory.
- 29. Relief.

DOWN

- 1. Weapon.
- 2. On the move.
- 3. Vegetable dish.
- 4. Situation.
- 5. Indian reception.
- 6. Impet.
- 9. Run away.
- 11. Necessitous.
- 12. Wife.
- 14. P.O. worker.
- 15. Set going.
- 16. Slender candle.
- 18. Make effervescent.
- 19. Sitters.
- 22. Lifelike.
- 23. Compote with.
- 24. Consider.
- 25. Stark.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Podiat. 5. Passe. 7. Lector. 9. Swimmers. 10. Onset. 11. Epitom. 12. Prowl. 13. Excel. 14. Priests. 16. Alters. 20. Tonic. 22. Tilt. 23. Convex. 25. Radios. 27. Scrutin. 28. Out. 29. Scatter. Down: 1. Drowsy. 2. Cogitate. 3. Gossamer. 4. Sustenance. 6. Receptacle. 8. Sustenance. 10. Sustenance. 11. Sustenance. 12. Sustenance. 13. Sustenance. 14. Sustenance. 15. Sustenance. 16. Sustenance. 17. Sustenance. 18. Sustenance. 19. Sustenance. 20. Sustenance. 21. Sustenance. 22. Sustenance. 23. Sustenance. 24. Sustenance. 25. Sustenance. 26. Sustenance. 27. Sustenance. 28. Sustenance. 29. Sustenance.

Chinese Border Alleged To Have Been Violated

London, Apr. 16.

A New China news agency despatch received in London today said that French and Vietnamese troops in Indo-China had "repeatedly intruded" into China's frontier territory since last October.

Colonel Coste, the French commander of a militia force in Lai Chau, was said to have led a small party into the Chinese county of Kinping on March 2 and "aided bandits" there.

The agency despatch said: "When the People's Liberation Army were mopping up the bandits, French troops from the opposite bank of a river fired to aid the bandits."

The garrison of West African, Senegalese and Vietnamese partisans repulsed the attackers.

Meanwhile, French Union forces had engaged another battalion outside the Tonkin delta bridgehead, about 150 miles south-west of Hanoi. The battalion was believed to be attempting to move north towards the French outpost of Sonla in north-west Tonkin's Thai country.

TOWN RECAPTURED

Saigon, Apr. 16. French forces have recaptured the key position of Uongbi, 20 miles northwest of Tonkin's main supply port of Halphong, the French Army Headquarters here announced today.

Uongbi controls the North Vietnamese coastal sector's water supply.

Vietminh rebel forces took Uongbi when they launched their offensive in the Dong Tri mountain group, 45 miles east of the Tonkin capital of Hanoi, a fortnight ago.

French Army communiqué also said that Vietminh guerrillas remained very active in the Tonkin Delta, particularly in the western part. The guerrillas launched a strong mortar and bazooka attack against a French post on the Day River, 11 miles west of Hanoi, but the French garrison dispersed them.

Guerillas also harassed a fortified village about 20 miles northwest of Hanoi.

French Army aircraft today smashed Vietminh cantonments near Quangai, 125 miles southeast of Saigon, according to reports reaching here.

Today's French Army communiqué reported that French forces laid several ambushes in Central Vietnam and killed two and captured 18 Vietminh troops. Other reports said that Franco-Vietnamese reconnaissance patrols probed rebel positions in the rugged mountain group about 45 miles southeast of the historic Annam capital of Hue.—Reuter.

ATTACK REPULSED

Hanoi, Apr. 16. A Vietminh rebel battalion, last night violently attacked the

WARSHIP ESCORTS SUGGESTED

London, Apr. 16.

Mr Gerald Williams, Conservative, suggested in the House of Commons today that as the restrictions imposed by Egypt on traffic through the Suez Canal were illegal, British tankers going to Haifa should be escorted by destroyers "or even a couple of gunboats."

Mr Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, said that he could not comment on questions like that without notice. Nor could he say without notice what was the attitude of the British and French directors of the Suez Canal Company.

He did not reply when Mr Julian Amery, another Conservative, urged the Government to bear in mind that the recent disturbances in Persia made it "all the more urgent to clear up this matter in the Canal Zone."

Mr Robert Ryder, Conservative, asked how many British ships had been affected by the restrictions put on traffic through the Suez Canal and what port facilities had been refused them.

Mr Younger replied that every ship under whatever flag which had passed through the Canal since May, 1949, had been affected to some degree by the restrictions imposed by the Egyptian Government since that date.

The only vessels at the present moment whose passage through the Canal was forbidden by the Egyptian authorities were those carrying to Israel goods on the Egyptian contraband list.

The list since September, 1949, has been confined to oil and military equipment.

As for the refusal of port facilities, the only case that had come to his notice was that of a ship which in September was refused permission by the Egyptian authorities to lower its cargo at Port Said.—Reuter.

Truman Hopeful Of Victory

Washington, Apr. 16.

President Truman tonight voiced the hope that the "first naked military assault" of Worldwide Communism had been checked in Korea.

He predicted that the United States and its allies would win the fight for freedom.

In a brief message read to the opening session of the 60th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mr. Truman said: "The Government will do all it can to help you in your work."

Statuary For Festival



Sculptor Barbara Hepworth, of St. Ives, Cornwall, watching the erection of one of her two 12-ft high, four-ton Irish limestone figures, "Contrapuntal Forms," outside the Dome of Discovery at the Festival of Britain.—Central Press Photo.

Ridgway's Views On Korea War

Washington, Apr. 16.

Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway, successor to General MacArthur, advised visiting Congressmen that it would be impossible to win the war if Manchurian bases were not bombed, one of these Congressmen said today.

Republican Representative Armstrong, who returned from Tokyo today, said that he and a Democrat Representative discussed the military situation with Lieut.-General Ridgway about 10 days ago before President Truman dismissed General MacArthur.

ARMS FOR THE PI

Washington, Apr. 16. Now American arms are already on their way across the Pacific to bolster the defences of the Philippines, a Government official disclosed today.

He told the United Press this was just the first instalment of an accelerated military aid programme designed to help the Republics wipe out the Huks and carry its weight in the Pacific defence line. The official revealed that enough arms to equip about 10 combat teams were being sent as fast as present "emergency" conditions would allow. Some of the arms had probably arrived, others were on the way, and more shipments would follow throughout the year.

The speeded programme is to continue into 1952, he added. Despite the rearmament programme and aid to Europe and Latin America, Defence Department officials said, most of the Philippine requirements had been met. The arms are mostly of the infantry type—rifles, machine-guns, mortars, bazookas, etc. They will also be light artillery and other equipment normally assigned to infantry units. The Philippines did not request and the U.S. did not consider either air or naval aid.—United Press.

HAINAN CAPTURE

(1) Sending a strong United States military mission to Formosa to train the Chinese Nationalists; soldiers there for an attempt on the Chinese Communist-controlled mainland.

(2) Working out with the Nationalists' plans to seize Hainan (off the South China coast) and invade the mainland from there.

(3) Blockading the whole Chinese Communist coastline.

(4) Use of American air cover to destroy the bases in Manchuria and to cut the railroads and highways surrounding Mukden in Manchuria.

(5) Americans aid to the guerrillas fighting the Communists within China.

(6) Despatch of a token force of Chinese Nationalists to Korea.—Reuter.

Converted By A Sergeant

Manila, Apr. 16.

A 70-year-old warrior of the Manobo tribe has abandoned the jungle law for the Christian faith, thanks to the efforts of an Army sergeant turned evangelist.

Dahing Daty Mandahing, husband of five wives and father of 24 children, was baptised by a priest of the Philippine Independent Church at Cabubaran, a town on Mindanao Island.

The sponsor was Sergeant Conrado R. Cabanas, who converted the tribesman during patrols in the mountains where Mandahing lived, three days' walk from the nearest road.

Mandahing, who quickly became an advocate of the new creed, said he was won over by the "goodness" of the American evangelist, who had been sent to the area by the Government.

Building Giant Wind Tunnel

Schenectady, Apr. 16.

The General Electric Company is building a giant 180,000 horse-power wind tunnel drive capable of providing enough power to generate horsepower bursts several times the speed of sound.

The unit, to be installed at Midway Field, California, has more 45,000 horse-power motor and can weigh more than 140 tons and reach about the size of a modern airplane.

Tries To Foil Romance

London, Apr. 16.

The Sultan of Kedah State, in Malaya, arrived in England today to try to persuade his niece, 10-year-old Princess Zabariah, not to marry a 21-year-old London apprentice printer and to return with him.

The girl is working in London as a shorthand typist under the name of Joyce Hamid. Her sweetheart, Arthur Collins, lives in a working class quarter.

The Sultan, Sir Abdul Hamid Shah, has refused his permission for the marriage. The girl's father, a Malayan prince, who died suddenly on Saturday, had threatened to disown her.—Reuters.

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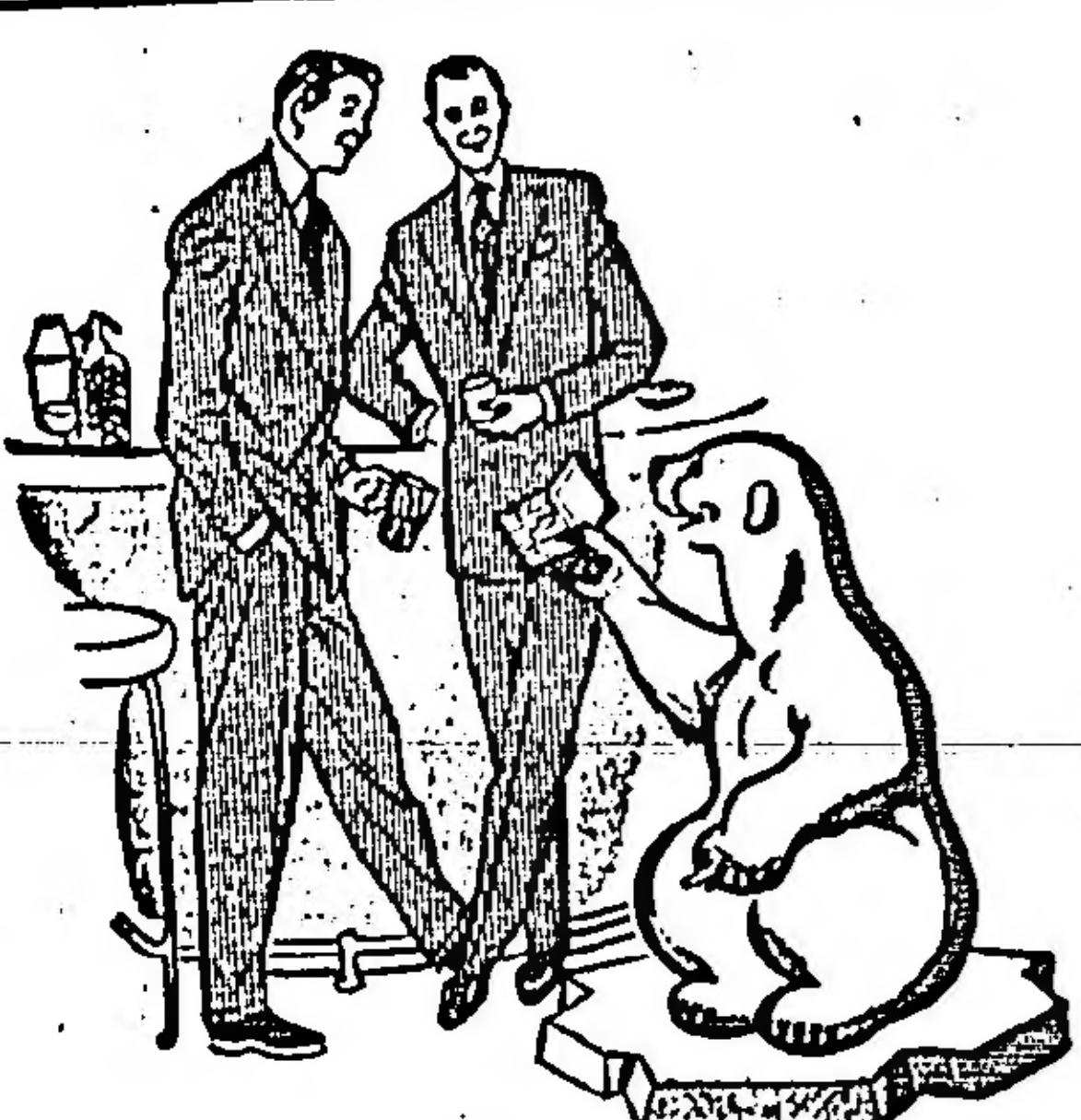


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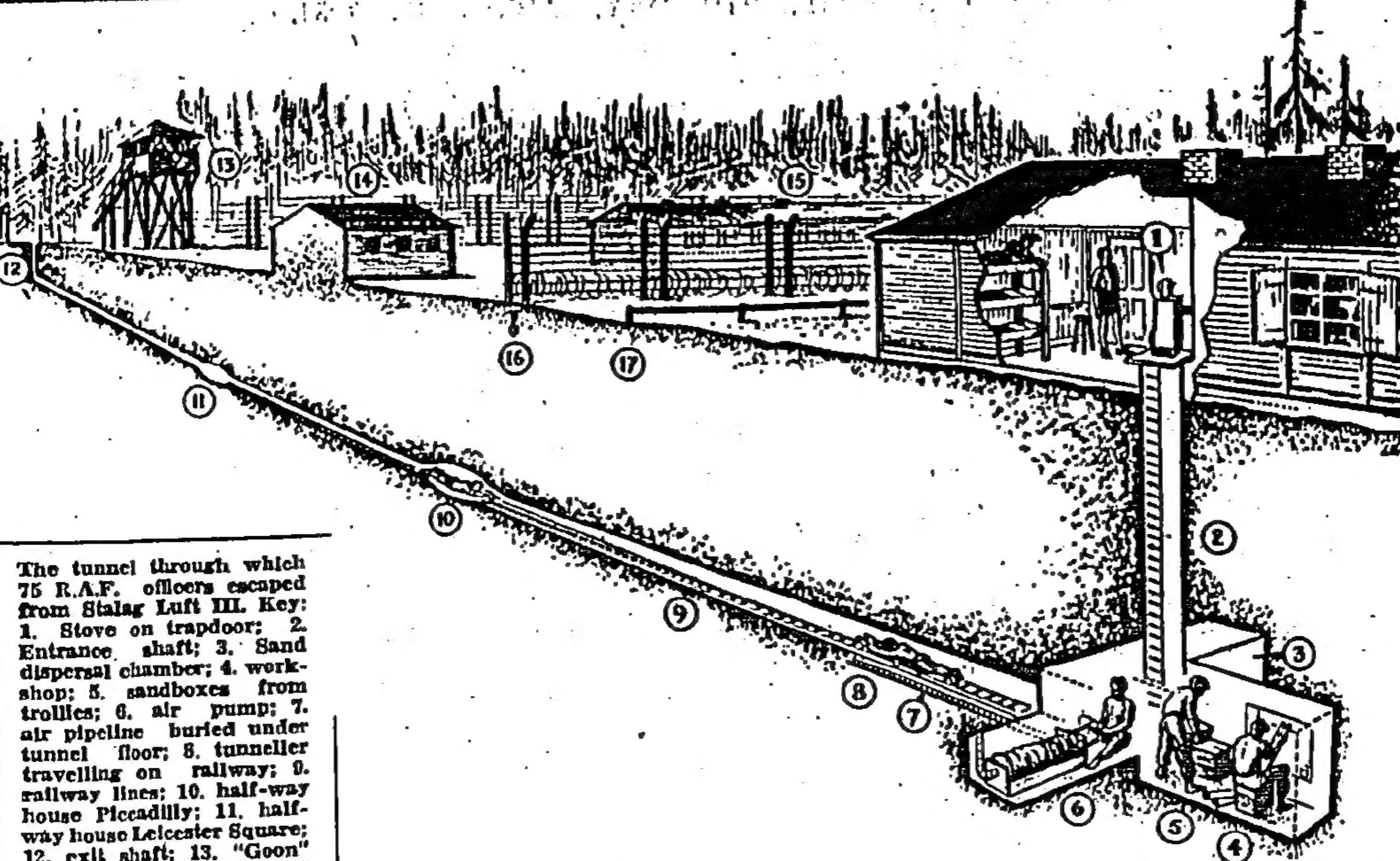
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NEARLY everyone must be familiar by now with the famous Wooden Horse escape from Stalag Luft III. By placing a home-made "box horse" over a camouflaged trap in the prison compound, near the wire, three R.A.F. officers were able to dig a tunnel to freedom while their fellow-prisoners gave an endless gymnastic display, much to the amusement (and distraction) of their German guards.

Not long after this successful escape, seventy-five officers broke out of a neighbouring compound of the same prison camp. This episode, however, did not end so fortunately.

It was at that stage of the war, shortly before D-Day, when Germany was reeling under repeated air blows from the Allied air forces. Shooting down a few planes and capturing a score or so of airmen was small compensation for the damage they inflicted in every raid.

Unfortunately for the Germans, these airmen were no less of a problem once they were behind barbed-wire. They persisted in escaping, despite the efforts of the "ferrets" whose job it was to detect escape plots and foil the attempts before they could be made.

Brickhill paints a vivid picture of life in a prison camp. When all other appetites were killed by the crushing effect of life behind barbed-wire, there remained a gnawing hunger for food—and freedom. This yearning to escape became an obsession, and resulted in many ingenious bids for freedom. Some were successful; others were doomed to failure before they were made.

Hitler in rage

THE mass break-out from Stalag Luft III, in March 1944, was the crowning insult. When Hitler heard about it, he flew into one of his habitual fits of mad rage. A nation-wide search had already been ordered, and most of the German police force was out combing the countryside for the escapees. The German equivalent of the Home Guard had been ordered out, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers were diverted from other tasks to join in the hunt. Altogether five million Germans were involved in the greatest man-hunt the Nazis ever staged. And, behind the scenes, directing operations, was the Gestapo.

Hitler ordered that every prisoner should be recaptured—and shot. It was Goering who saw at once that mass murder on this scale could not be explained away by the simple formula: "Shot while attempting to resist recapture." Hitler's idea, then, of practising caution was as typical as his rage. He modified his previous order—only half the recaptured prisoners would be shot.

In the event, the Gestapo shot fifty of the officers. Twenty-three more were recaptured and survived. Three succeeded in getting back to England.

The full story of this amazing escape and its dreadful sequel has now been told for the first time by a prisoner who took part in its organisation, Flight-Lieutenant Paul Brickhill ("The Great Escape," published by Faber and Faber). An Australian in the R.A.F., he was boss of the "stooges" whose job was to counter the efforts of the "ferrets" and ensure that the elaborate escape arrangements were not detected.

By
RONALD BOXALL

When the great moment came, it was decided that 200 officers were to escape. Lots were drawn and Brickhill drew a place, but was barred by "Big X," boss of the escape organisation, because he was subject to claustrophobia. He survived to tell the story of the episode in "The Great Escape" (Faber and Faber) which is now well on its way to becoming one of the classics of the war.

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Most persistent

SQUADRON Leader Roger Bushell, a fighter pilot and former British ski champion, was the most persistent escapee. As each fresh attempt failed and he found himself back in the compound, he came to realise that the best chance of regaining freedom was to organise an escape on a scale never before attempted. He put the rough idea to a group of fellow-prisoners, and an organisation came into being which was almost unbelievable in its scope and fabulous in its ingenuity. Bushell was "Big X," the master-mind who devised and co-ordinated the whole show.

On April Fool's Day, 1943, seven hundred British officers were removed to a new compound in Stalag Luft III. It had been decided that the mass escape should be made from there. By volunteering to help the Germans complete their new "home," the prisoners had been able to map out the camp

and lay their rough plans before they were moved. One of them succeeded in stealing a plan of the sewerage system of the new compound from a trusting German surveyor, and with this to guide them they were able to plot the path of their escape tunnels without fear of striking a sewer and thus inviting detection.

Once in the new camp, the escape organisation got to work in earnest. Previous experience had taught them that the greatest difficulty was to conceal the top of a funnel from the ubiquitous "ferrets." They were not long, however, in solving this difficulty.

Three tunnels were started. One ran from a waste dump in the abattoir hut. When the trap was not in use, it was hidden under inches of dirty water. Another was started in a corner of a hut. The trap was a cunningly-concealed block of concrete (made from materials left behind by the builders) which fitted snugly into the hole. The third, through which the escape was eventually made, was hidden under the stove in a corner of another hut. The stove was removed to allow the diggers access to the tunnel and replaced once they were safely inside.

The murder of the fifty recaptured officers was carried out in typical cold-blooded fashion by local Gestapo thugs in the districts where they were rounded up. The news shocked the world, for the Germans made no attempt to keep it secret.

After the war, an ex-Scotland Yard officer, Wing-Commander Bowes, of the R.A.F. Special Investigation Branch, began the task of tracking down the war criminals who were responsible for this atrocity. But even at this early stage, in the first flush of victory, there were difficulties with the Soviet authorities. Sagan, where Stalag Luft III was situated, was now in the part of Germany annexed by Poland. It was the obvious point at which to start the investigation, but the Soviet authorities refused permission for our investigators to enter their zone.

14 Hanged

DESPITE this hindrance, relentless detective work succeeded in bringing eighteen of the criminals to justice. Fourteen of them were hanged and four were sentenced to stiff terms of imprisonment.

But four of the murdered officers were still unavenged. Further investigation resulted in the capture of three more "wanted men". Two of them were sentenced to death; the remaining one was acquitted. But these later death penalties were commuted to life imprisonment.

Thus ended the story of one of the most daring escapes in history—a story which would have been dismissed as utterly incredible if it had been produced as a work of fiction.

A piece of brass starts the hunt for pirate gold

From FREDERICK COOK: Ship Bottom, New Jersey,

AHUNT for pirate gold is still going on around this wind-swept coastal township, despite an official explanation days ago that it is "all a mistake."

The people do not believe it. They prefer to think that at any moment they may happen on treasure chests buried hereabouts by Captain Kidd or some of his men.

In 1941, seven-year-old Stanley Cramer was innocently interested in anything to do with pirates.

His father knew that the ship

in which Kidd made his last voyage from New York during

Along the 150 miles of sandy coast running from New York harbour to Cape May are many sheltered coves where privateers put in for wood and water in years gone by. One of these, local legend says, was Captain Kidd.

Then he dropped it into the local creek where his son fished.

Cramer waited for the boy to come. It was not until just week that he did. Now 17, young Cramer was still interested enough to bring it home to his father, who had forgotten all about it.

Cramer senior decided to keep quiet.

The boy took the plate to a local museum, where it was pronounced genuine. The story got out and Ship Bottom (so called from the number of wrecks in the vicinity) became famous.

Publicity had certainly done no harm to Ship Bottom.

An official statement went out and most of the crowds went home. But not all. There are some who think the "explanation" just a ruse to get rid of

Britain Tidies Up For The Festival

By PETER LOVEGROVE

THE sudden rise to fame of the Nottinghamshire village of Trowell—its place in the Festival of Britain programme was argued about in the House of Commons recently and it has now been consecrated by a mention in the BBC's popular show "Take it From Here"—has drawn attention to an important fact about the Festival which is apt to escape notice.

Many people seem to think that the great undertaking which Britain is organising from May to September is limited to the South Bank exhibition in London, a "fun fair" in Battersea gardens, a couple of travelling exhibitions, some concerts, art exhibitions and sporting fixtures, with supporting activities in a few other leading centres of the British Isles.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. The Festival is a national undertaking, and the whole of Britain will be on show. What is more, it is going to leave behind it many permanent improvements in almost every city, town and village. Over 1,200 local authorities, down to parish councils, are making their own little contribution, assisted by willing men and women of talent and imagination to prove that local enterprise and initiative and the vigorous spirit of civic pride are every whit as potent and compelling as they ever were.

And, like Trowell, hundreds of communities are busy on tidying-up schemes: converting bomb sites and slag heaps into public gardens; planting trees and shrubs; laying out playing fields; erecting new parish halls and social centres, bus shelters and car parks; repairing historic buildings; putting up new street name plates, commemorative plaques of notable buildings, signposts and local information maps, providing litter baskets and wayside seats. Competitions will be held for the best-kept allotments and cottage gardens; local crafts and hobbies will be displayed; old castles, natural features and prominent buildings will be floodlit; town guides and local histories are being printed; local customs and folk dancing will be revived.

It is impossible to enumerate in detail what each area is doing, but here are some examples.

Bedwelly is clearing its derelict colliery tips for recreational purposes. Part of Belph's refuse tip is being converted into a garden. Barking and Ilford are clearing bomb-sites. Dronfield, Tenterden, Spennymoor and Hartlebury have sewerage schemes in hand. Jarrold will get a public clock at the town hall, as will Warlingham, Witney and Trinity St Mary. The Edinstow Church clock will get a second dial; Cheddar's will be gilded.

Chesterfield is converting street lighting to electricity. York and its city walls will be ringed by 13,000 daffodils. Bedlam, Tonbury, Beverley, Radnorshire, Hayes, Penrith, Wellington, Kivelton Park and Midhurst are going in for coats-of-arms. Evesham is restoring its Benedictine Bell Tower, Morpeth its watch tower and also getting a new peal of bells. Whitehaven is improving and preserving its harbour front.

Oldbury is laying out gardens on traffic islands. Broadstairs is getting a climatological station; Horbury a bandstand. Quarter Back is reviving the rights of way register. Chard is translating its Latin inscriptions. Thorpe is decorating its railway station; two other places are erecting public conveniences; and Llwynhwr is putting a bird bath in its Argyll Gardens.

One of the most attractive features of these preparations is the attention being given to improving the comfort and welfare of the older sections of the community.



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IP KOON-HUNG GIVES A SPARKLING EXHIBITION OF HIGH-POWERED TENNIS

By "ARGONAUT"

Giving a sparkling exhibition of high-powered aggressive modern tennis, Ip Koon-hung, the 30-year-old reigning champion, yesterday defeated K. C. Dao in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-4 and 11-9, to retain his grasscourt title for the third year in succession and for the fourth time since the war.

Dao, conceding almost nine years to his younger opponent, resisted gallantly all the champion's offensive weapons for fully 110 minutes and his gameness in retrieving all possible shots made it possible for the huge crowd of spectators to see Ip at his best.

All the handicaps of a defensive player, however, when pitted against an aggressive opponent with even 70 percent accuracy in his strokes, were never so evident as in yesterday's final.

There were a few occasions when Dao caught Ip in mid-court with short length sideline and crosscourt drives and with passing lobes, but these were negligible when compared to the number of points Ip gained with his all-out overhead smashes, sizzling deep cross flat racket backhand and forehand follow-up volleys.

Added to this, Ip's deceptive drops wrought havoc time and again on the soft court. The champion also held the advantage of a faster first service and a kicking second service that kept Dao well back on the baseline, particularly on the left receiving court, paving the way to his deadly follow up volley or smash.

If there was any department of the game in which Dao was superior it was perhaps in his ground strokes, which were more accurate than Ip's but not as effective as the champion's deep low sizzling drives to both corners of the base when they got over.

Ip's weakness on the back-hand rendered him powerless whenever Ip got going with his deep drives to the backhand corner. Almost 50 per cent of his returns from such shots were killed by Ip either with an overhead smash, forehand cross volley or backhand drop and side-line volleys.

THE PLAY

Dao started promisingly in the first set, taking the first two games and then going on to lead 4-1, as Ip indulged in baseline play and drop shots.

Reverting to his regular style of forcing play and follow-up shots, Ip broke through Dao's service, and took the next four games in a row for the first set at 6-4. The set took exactly 20 minutes.

The second set was more or less a repetition of the first, with Ip conceding the first two



Ip Koon-hung, champion again.—China Mail Photo.

Preliminary Heats Of The Inter-School Sports

The preliminary heats of the Inter-Schools athletic Meet were run-off yesterday at Caroline Hill. Only Government and Grant-in-aid schools were eligible for participation, and some keen competition was seen.

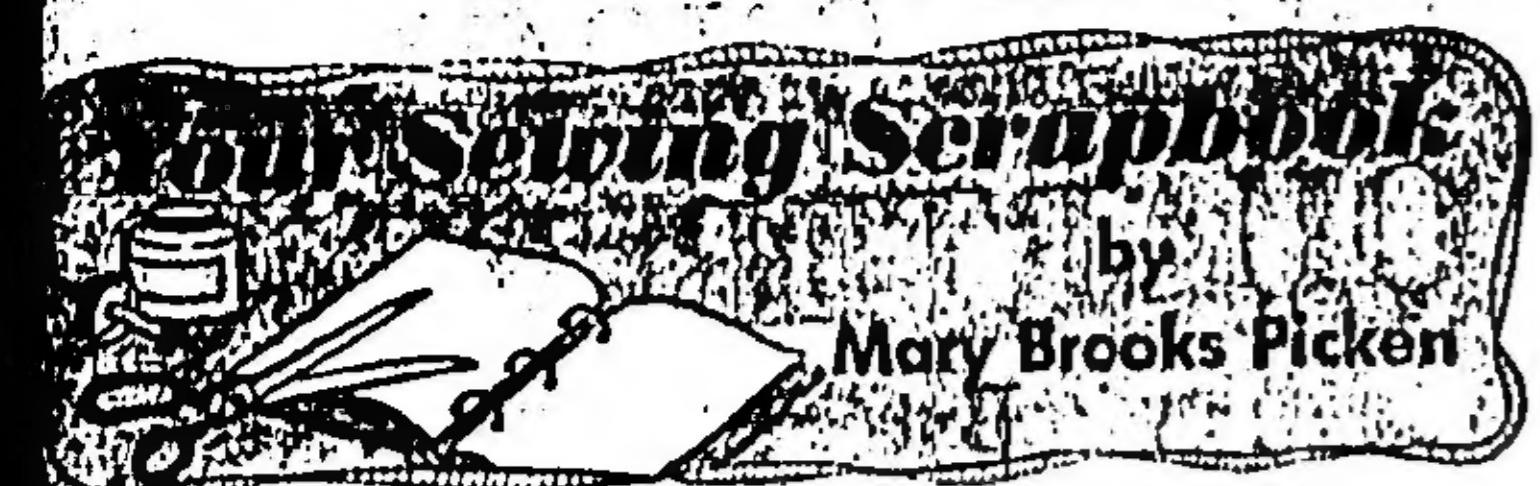
The semi-finals are scheduled for Thursday, and the finals on April 26.

Following were those who qualified yesterday for the semi-finals:

SENIOR

Hurdles—Heat 1-1, Cheng Man-ching (DBS); 2, Chen Kung-lam (SJC); Heat 2-1, Almeo (KGV); 2, Au Kin-hung (DBS). Heat 3-1, Lee Yung-ching (SJC); 2, Chiu Kan-pud (WYAM); Heat 4-1, Ling Sun (WYAM); 2, A. Collaco (LSC); 100 Metres—Heat 1-1, Lam Yiu-kwan (WYAM); Heat 2-1, Young Fung (Chu-wing-pak (QCC)); Heat 3-1, J. Calleco (QCC); 2, Fung Kun-yan (ERCCAM); Heat 4-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); 2, Lam Kui-ting (WYAM); Heat 5-1, Lee Yiu-shu (WYAM); Heat 6-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 7-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 8-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 9-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 10-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 11-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 12-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 13-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 14-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 15-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 16-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 17-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 18-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 19-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 20-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 21-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 22-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 23-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 24-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 25-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 26-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 27-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 28-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 29-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 30-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 31-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 32-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); Heat 33-1, Wong Yip-tai (WYAM); 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Wool Jersey Makes an Attractive Blouse

for cuffs, as at K, piecing, if necessary, to get length. Seam shoulders, beginning 4" from neckline on both sides, to provide for shoulder openings. Seam underarms and clip curves. Cut facings for back and front neckline from fabric remaining after cutting cuffs.

Lay right side of front facing to right side of blouse. Stitch it to shoulder opening, making seam in line with shoulder seam, as at L. Stitch back facing on, making 1/4" seam on each side, as at M — this so back will extend under edge of front on each side.

Clip back shoulder seam, as at N, and clip curved seam edges as shown. Bring facing to wrong side. Turn outside edge under and stitch free of blouse, as at O. Press.

To Form Circle

Seam ends of cuffs together to form circle. Lay right side of cuff to right side of sleeve, matching seam in cuff to underarm seam. Pin edges together and stitch. Press cuff down.

Bring raw edge of cuff or wrong side of sleeve, turn edge under and whip to position. Press cuffs. Turn up to right side.

Finish bottom of blouse with narrow hem. Use snaps for shoulder openings. Sew buttons to position, sewing through facing or seam allowance to make secure.

Loft-hand Corner

B is lower left-hand corner. C lower right. D is 1/4 armhole plus 2" to right of B. E is shoulder to waist plus 1" from B. Chalk lines straight across from D to folds and from E to folds.

Instructions for making this blouse are given below. The blouse and skirt can match or contrast in colour. Average amount of fabric needed for blouse is 5yd.

Straighten ends of fabric. Fold tube of jersey in half, lengthwise, so two folds come together, as at A. Smooth layers and pin carefully.

Right-hand Corner

B is lower left-hand corner. C lower right. D is 1/4 armhole plus 2" to right of B. E is shoulder to waist plus 1" from B. Chalk lines straight across from D to folds and from E to folds.

G is 1" to right of upper left-hand corner. H and I are 1/4 bust plus 1" above D and C. J is 1/4 bust from E. Connect F-G; H through J to I. Curve underarm a H, continuing line to folds by taking slightly toward G, as indicated.

Cut out blouse, cutting F-G; I to J around curve at H to folds on edge. Cut both folds at bottom of sleeves.

Shoulder Lines Matching

Separate blouse pieces. Fold front in half, lengthwise, shoulder lines matching. Measure from top down on fold 1/6 neck plus 1/2.

Chalk and cut front neck curve from F on shoulder line to this point. Cut two 4" strips

Luxurious Lingerie



Exercise That Keeps The Torso In Shape

The body is like any piece of architecture, depending upon the foundation column for its beauty of outline. The positions assumed when walking, standing or sitting tend to improve or injure the backbone. With good posture and a strong, healthy musculature almost any woman can have an attractive figure. When the back is well developed, the bony cage, which constitutes the framework of the chest, is also normal. A high chest usually means that the breasts are firm and rounded.

An exercise that helps to keep the torso in shape is this: stand with the feet five inches apart. Hands on the hips, inhale as you send the body forward, bending at the hips. The upper half of your body should be at right angles to the lower half. Count five, then slowly inhale as you raise yourself back to first position. Rest a

moment, inhale, send your body backward from the waist as far as ever you can.

The career girl who sits all day and the one who stands through business hours will find this simple exercise of benefit. There should be a regular time for figure moulding — ten minutes before or after the bath in the morning, ten minutes at night. Muscular activity spurs circulation and brisk circulation will do away with fatigue bugs.

Women weep about fine figures changing into "shapes" but, alas! few women seem willing to take the time and trouble to ward off silhouette defects.

As far as cosmetic care is concerned, give your back a good scrubbing with a long-handled brush when you're in the tub. After drying briskly with a towel, pat on fragrant bath oil.

Jump Shift Bid Shows Full Power

BY OSWALD JACOBY

A JUMP shift bid is not only forcing to game; it also hints emphatically at a slam. The hint may be so strong that the partner is compelled to go past game even though he has a very weak hand.

For example, consider the South hand shown today. At first glance, it is almost worthless. It has

it to show in value as the North player makes one powerful bid after another.

When North finally shows support for a spade suit, South bids one club, promises a strong one-card spade bidding. Moreover, North has opened the bidding in hearts and therefore must have a hand to bid. The jump shift in diamonds should show at least three cards in that suit.

Hence North cannot have more than a singleton in clubs, bid, which was actually the case. South read the message. He knew that North was trying to show a hand that was just short of opening two-bid, but with distribution just described. Hence South served himself to bid the slam even though he had three small cards in the unbid suit and a generally weak hand.

The play was as interesting as the bidding. West opened the king of clubs, holding the trick and shifted to a trump. It looked easy for a moment, but South thought the problem through to the end. It looked as though South should simply ruff two clubs, cash the high draw trump and then cash the plan cards. But if South tries that plan, he may ruff his too.

For example, suppose South wins the first round of trumps, ruffs a

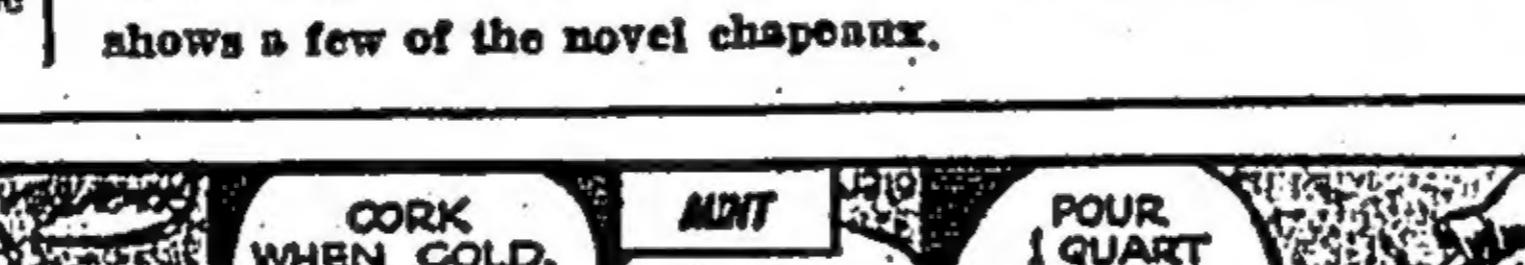
club in dummy, gets back to his hand with a trump, and ruffs another club in dummy. Now, how does he get back to his hand to draw the last trump? Three rounds of diamonds might permit an opponent to ruff while three rounds of hearts might give West an over-ruff.

To guard against these dangers, South won the first trump trick, won dummy's first heart, led a heart of hearts and then led to the king of spades. Next he led the ten of hearts to dummy's king and ruffed a heart in his own hand. West could never have the ten of hearts, so discarded. South next led to the king of diamonds and ruffed another heart with the queen of spades.

It was now easy to get dummy by ruffing a club (without any serious danger of an over-ruff). Dummy could then draw the last trump, and the hand could be shown.

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Viscountess Shows The Hats



Twenty-six-year-old attractive Italian born Viscountess Boyle is one of the six young women chosen by Mme. Simon Merman to show a spring collection of a hundred hats. Picture shows a few of the novel chapeaux.

ONION AND MINT VINEGARS

SOMEONE STARTED A PICKLE FACTORY?

I LIKE TO MAKE MY OWN SPECIAL VINEGARS SOMETIMES

ONION

CUT UP ENOUGH ONION TO MAKE A TEACUPFUL

AND POUR OVER IT 1 QUART VINEGAR HEATED TO SIMMERING POINT (180°F)

CORK

WHEN COLD LEAVE FOR 2 WEEKS TO SOAK

THEN STRAIN AND BOTTLE

MINT

EASIER STILL JUST PACK THE JAR WITH FRESH MINT LEAVES

STEEP FOR THREE WEEKS THEN BOTTLE — SO EASY AND ALWAYS CHEAPER THAN BUYING THEM

POUR 1 QUART COLD VINEGAR OVER THEM

OPENING lead → K

NORTH (D)

♦ AJ63

♥ AK74

♦ AK4

♦ 6

WEST

♦ 587

♦ 96

♦ 10972

♦ KQJ9

EAST

♦ 54

♦ Q832

♦ 88

♦ A10548

SOUTH

♦ KQ102

♦ 105

♦ QJ63

♦ 872

Both vul.

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead → K

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Knauf Sees an Old Friend

—He Hears Him Coming Clap-Clop Down the Street—

By MAX TRELL

"Oh, shoes! Do . . . do horses wear shoes?"

Asked a Question

KNAUF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, heard a familiar clop-clop-clop-clop sounding in the street outside his window, and he knew who was coming. It was Giddap, the Milk Wagon Horse. Knauf pressed his face against the windowpane, and saw enough, a moment or two later, Giddap came to a stop in front of the door and stood waiting while his master, the milkman, sprang off the wagon with a tray of milk bottles. Knauf hurried outside to have a talk with Giddap.

"I could hear you clop-clop-clop all the way down the street," Knauf said after he and Giddap had exchanged good mornings.

"But they don't, Giddap!" protested Knauf. "I mean, they don't wear clothes."

"You're wrong, my boy—wrong, wrong! Just look! I wear shoes. Do you see that thing around my neck? That's a collar."

"A real collar, Giddap?"

"A real horse-collar! Knauf, I don't wear a necktie. But it's a collar just the same. In the summertime, I wear hat."

"You do!"

"A straw hat—nice and light and cool. It keeps the sun off my head and out of my eyes, which is the main reason that everybody else wears a hat. And in the wintertime, I wear coat."

"But," said Knauf, "people don't wear coats in the summer."

Rupert and the Castaway—20



After Koko has whistled and chartered for a few minutes the bird settles on the water and looks up expectantly. "Gracious, I believe that bird knows what he means, and I can't understand a word," mutters Rupert. While he watches, Koko makes a loop in the end of his rope and tosses it forward. The bird darts its head through the loop and, turning, flies off so suddenly that the little boat jerks forward, making Rupert topple backwards off the seat. "Hew-haw! Does that small creature get all that strength?" he cries. He loses his paddle and calls out, but Koko doesn't answer.

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grocery store straight ahead of you. You wouldn't see the other children playing a game or to one side. And since you wouldn't see them, you wouldn't stop to play with them. You'd go straight to the grocery store, and straight back home again."

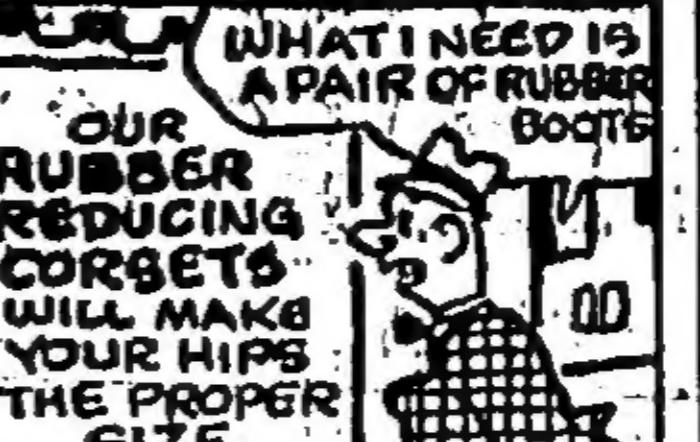
Knauf had to agree that Giddap was right.

"And I wear a good many things that people don't wear," continued Giddap. "For instance, I wear blinkers."

Knauf asked what blinkers were.

"And of course," Giddap went on, "horses wear harnesses. People don't. Horses have a bit in their mouths; people don't. Horses have bridles and stirrups. They can't saddle on their backs for people to sit on (which is a great convenience, like carrying a seat around); and sometimes on either side of you, anything on either side of you, so you're never tempted to turn around."

DUMB-BELLS



THANKS TO BILL GIDDAP
MEMPHIS, TENN.
FROM THE LINGERIE SYNDICATE



BY THE WAY

BY Beachcomber

RE we watching another world? Mr. Gerald Heard's suggestion that the pilots of flying saucers may be insects from Mars is based on the discovery that bees can speak and draw maps.

This gives me the disquieting idea that large numbers of bees may be landing in England at night from tiny paracutes in order to sting all those engaged in rearmament work. There ought to be a census of bees. Some of the recent arrivals are probably not above making poisoned honey. And if bees can talk, surely those who talk Martin should be rounded up at once and deported to some other planet.

(Restaurant manager.)

All waiters should know French to be able to answer patrons' questions as to the menu.

(Restaurant manager.)

CANDLE-MAKERS are said to be doing a roaring trade. Let it not be too roaring or the Government will begin to object to such rampant free enterprise in competition with the power stations.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

If you are born today, you have a restful, easy-going personality and attract influential friends into your orbit. This may further your career. Yet you do not necessarily trade upon friendship, since you are a leader in your field. You are the first one to offer help if it is needed by anyone.

You women especially are affectionate and home-loving. If you wed quite early in life and have your own family growing up around you, you men on the other hand, probably will not marry until your wife is well established before you take on the responsibilities.

You have interests in things artistic and will probably be talented in music. You have a pleasant speaking as well as singing voice. If cultivated, you might use it successfully on the stage. Interested in the occult and the mysterious, you may do some serious investigating.

You are born today. Get

The First Battles With Iverson's Googlies Were The Most Enjoyable

Says LEN HUTTON

London.
It's wonderful to be back! Win or lose, the greatest moment of any MCC tour is when the player sets foot in England again and sees his family and friends waiting for him.

Despite the fact that we have just lost another rubber against the Australians—and with a bit of luck we might easily have won—none of the touring side will ever forget the warmth and kindness of Australians everywhere we went.

And I include ALL Australians, because the spirit of hospitality in the little man who told you the way to the cricket ground was the same as in the owner of a mansion who entertained lavishly.

Home Soccer Results & Tables

London, Apr. 16.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Port Vale 1 Colchester Utd 1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Barrow 1 Middlesbrough 0

Rotherham Utd. 2 Lincoln City 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (DIVISION "A")

Celtic 0 Patrick Thistle 3

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Aberdeen 2 Sunderland 1

Burnley 1 Hamilton Acad. 2

Bradford City 2 Darlington 0

Leeds United 1 Albion Rovers 2

Queens P. R. 1 Clyde 2

Swindon 2 Dundee United 2

Notts County 2 Third Lanark 4

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Norwich 21 12 5 68 35 63

Notts F. 24 9 0 0 1 34 27

Reading 20 12 9 85 51 62

Bristol R. 20 12 9 85 51 62

Plymouth 19 12 9 85 51 62

Millwall 20 12 9 85 51 62

Ipswich 20 12 9 85 51 62

Brighton C. 17 10 13 47 33 44

Derby 19 10 13 47 33 44

Newport 17 7 10 21 20 28

Exeter 17 7 10 21 20 28

Port Vale 17 7 10 21 20 28

Swindon 17 7 10 21 20 28

Brighton Aldershot 17 7 10 21 20 28

Colchester 17 7 10 21 20 28

Tottenham Orient 17 7 10 21 20 28

Walsall 17 7 10 21 20 28

Nottingham 17 7 10 21 20 28

Watford 17 7 10 21 20 28

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Rotherham 27 9 6 0 3 40 63

Middlesbrough 24 9 8 0 3 40 63

Lincoln 24 9 8 0 3 40 63

Carlisle 22 11 2 0 3 40 63

Transm. 22 11 2 0 3 40 63

Bradford 22 11 2 0 3 40 63

Gateshead 22 11 2 0 3 40 63

Crewe Alex. 18 10 5 15 70 53

Bradford Stockport 18 10 5 15 70 53

Rotherham Scunthorpe 11 17 13 53 54 63

Sheffield Chester 11 17 13 53 54 63

Leeds United 11 17 13 53 54 63

Walsall 11 17 13 53 54 63

Southport Accrington 11 17 13 53 54 63

New Brighton 9 24 31 77 33

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

The final of the Scottish Cup between Motherwell and Celtic will be played on Saturday, April 21.

Following are the English League fixtures for Saturday:

Division I

Arsenal v Bolton

Bury v Fulham

Chelsea v Liverpool

Everton v Aston Villa

Huddersfield v Manchester U.

Newcastle v Portsmouth

Sheffield W. v Stoke

West Brom v Division II

Birmingham v Derby

Cardiff v Nottingham

Chesterfield v Bristol

Coventry v Birmingham

Grimsby v Luton

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

New Brighton v Division III (South)

Bristol C. v Torquay

Exeter v Bury

Everton v Aldershot

Newport v Bristo

Portsmouth v Norwich

Southport v Northampton

Watford v Port Vale

Walsall v Bolton R.

Wolverhampton v Division III (North)

Birmingham v Halifax

Cardiff v Blackburn

Chesterfield v Shrewsbury

Coventry v Luton

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division IV

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division V

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division VI

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division VII

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division VIII

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division IX

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division X

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division XI

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury

Leyton v Shrewsbury

Portsmouth v Walsall

Southport v Accrington

Watford v Division XII

Birmingham v Bury

Cardiff v Blackpool

Chesterfield v Luton

Coventry v Shrewsbury

Grimsby v Bury



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"HANYANG"	Tsingtao & Tientsin	2 p.m. 17th Apr.
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"YUNNAN"	To kyo, Yokohama, Nippon, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 18th Apr.
"KWEIYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	5 p.m. 19th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 20th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 22nd Apr.*
"FUNING"	Kobe, Yokohama & Nippon	10 a.m. 24th Apr.
"HUEPH"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 24th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	5 p.m. 28th Apr.*
"SHANSI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 29th Apr.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUEPH"	Tientsin	10th Apr.
"FUNING"	Indonesia & Tanakan	20th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Kelung	7 a.m. 21st Apr.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	25th Apr.
"SHANSI"	Ousaka	27th Apr.
"FENGNING"	Singapore	28th Apr.

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SAILINGS TO

"TAIYUAN"	Japan	29th Apr.
"CHANGSHA"	Japan	13th May
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney	22nd May

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	25th Apr.
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	9th May
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	20th May

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool	22nd Apr.
"AENEAS"	Liverpool, Dublin & Glasgow	27th Apr.
"MYRMIDON"	Genoa, Casablanca, Holland & London	3rd May
"PERSEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th May

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails	Arrives	
G. "PERSEUS"	Liverpool	Rotterdam	Hong Kong
"MYRMIDON"	18th Mar.	—	In Port Holt's Wharf
"AUTOMEDON"	7th Mar.	—	19th Apr.
"PROMETHEUS"	4th Mar.	—	19th Apr.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	Sailed	—	21st Apr.
S. "MARON"	21st Mar.	—	20th Apr.
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	31st Mar.	—	8th May
G. "PYRRHUS"	5th Apr.	—	9th May
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	13th Apr.	—	20th May
G. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool.	18th Apr.	—	30th May
S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool.	—	—	—
All unscheduled.	—	—	—

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"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 26th Apr.
"BENALBANACH"	do	2nd May
"BENVENUE"	do	10th May
"BENLAWERS"	do	30th May
"BENCRUACHAN"	do	8th June

SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	30th Apr.
"BENALBANACH"	Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya & Otaru	5th May
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Dublin & Rotterdam	14th May
"BENLAWERS"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	2nd June
"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	12th June

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Dividend Warrants will be available for collection on and after Wednesday, 30th May, 1951.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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ARRIVALS

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Brisk Rally
In Cotton
FuturesNew York, Apr. 16.
Cotton futures rallied briskly today after a shaky start, moving up \$1.50 a bale from the lows and holding most of the gain at the close. The week-end developments were considered mostly against the market.

Mill and other trade interests were unable to cover May commitments before the first notice day on April 25, and shifted some of their buying to July delivery.

The market opened up 8 to off 3 points. It closed 6 to 23 points higher, except far-off October which closed off 30 points.

Prices closed here today as follows:-

Spot 40.00
May 43.20 bid
July 44.77
October 59.67-59.90
March (1952) 39.25-39.29
May 39.00 nominal
July 39.70
October 39.70
—United Press.NEW ORLEANS MARKET
Closing rate:
April 10. 44.91
May 45.39 bid
July 44.78
October 59.78
December 59.78
March (1952) 39.00 nominal
May 39.00
July 39.61 bid
October 39.62
—United Press.

Pepper Rumours

New York, Apr. 16.
Higher Bombay and London cables, along with reports of further military inquiry, imparted a stronger tone to the black pepper market.

Dealers tried to obtain confirmation of rumours that the French Government had authorised £2,000,000 for purchase of black pepper in India and a like amount in guilders for purchases in Indonesia.—United Press.

FIVE-YEAR-PLAN
COMPLETEDLondon, Apr. 16.
Moscow Radio said tonight that Russia had successfully completed her post-war five-year Plan and that most important aims of the plan had been considerably exceeded.

The broadcast said the plan for reconstruction and development of the national economy was adopted by the Supreme Soviet in March 1946.—United Press.

JUIN IN PARIS

Paris, Apr. 16.
General Alphonse Juin, French Resident-General in Morocco, today called on the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, to discuss the political situation in Morocco, a French Foreign Office spokesman said.Wool Sale
RecordsSydney, Apr. 16.
The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in Australia in March was 202.20 pence a pound, the National Council of Wool-Selling Brokers reported today.

This was the highest average on record, comparing with the previous high of 196.03 pence in February and 69.14 in March last year.

Wool prices at auction in Sydney declined sharply since the end of March.

The total return from the sale of Australian wool for nine months to March 23 was A£512,000,000 which is more than the total return in any other year and more than twice the return of A£225,000,000 in the same nine months last year.—Associated Press.

Transport Co.
May Be SoldBuenos Aires, Apr. 16.
The Government has bid A\$10,000,000 pesos for the assets of the Buenos Aires Transport Corporation.

The Corporation was formed in 1939 and it is understood that there are between 15,000 and 20,000 British debenture holders who have been claiming over £12,000,000 for holding and accumulated interest.

The Corporation operates five underground railways, nearly 6,000 buses and several hundred street cars.—United Press.

New York Sugar
FuturesNew York, Apr. 16.
World sugar futures closed here today unchanged to 5 points higher, with sales totalling 38 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 3 points lower, with sales totalling 190 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:-

Contract No. 4 (world) 5.47 traded
July 5.51-5.53 traded
September 5.45
Spot 5.26 nominal
July 5.44 traded
September 5.35 bid
Spot 5.30
—United Press.

NY Exchanges

New York, Apr. 16.
Closing foreign exchange:Canadian dollars 0.44/0.45
British 2.20/2.21
French 0.20/0.21
Iceland 2.37/2.38
Italy 0.10/0.11
Portugal 2.20
Switzerland 0.21/0.22
Austria 7.20
Brazil 8.50
Mexico 11.00
Hong Kong 17.00
—Associated Press.Rumours Affect
ExchangeLondon, Apr. 16.
Industrial issues strengthened on the London Stock Exchange today as buyers sought good-class shares as a hedge against inflation. Leading shares in textile, motor and electrical groups showed gains of two to three shillings.

Government bonds lost ground. There was persistent selling following reports of a behind-the-scenes struggle for power in the Labour government as a result of the death of former Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

The Financial Times' Daily index: 127.7, a new 1951 high.—Associated Press.

Price Of
Rubber
Too High

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 16.

Most rubber producers in Malaya agree that the present price of rubber is too high, according to the annual report of the United Planting Association of Malaya, published today.

They consider it almost as harmful to the economy of the industry as a low price. High price, the report said, has brought inflation and sent the cost of living up.

The report referred to the heavy taxation of the industry's exports, its heavy contribution to the defence of estates, re-grouping of labour and income tax.

Indirect taxation on equipment and estate stores was absorbing many of the benefits the industry might have received by the greatly increased price of rubber.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Apr. 16.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-

Number 1 rubber 102.41-103.15
April 100-101
June 103.14-107.15
Number 2 rubber, April 103.14-105.15
Number 3 rubber, April 101.15-102.15
Natural rubber, April 103.14-107.15
Spot rubber, unblended 103.14-107.15
Black crepe 104.15-107.15
No. 1 pale crepe 205-215
—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 16.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-

Number 1 rubber 56.34-57.15
May 56.34-57.15
June 56.14-57.15
Number 3 rubber, April 54.14-55.15
Natural rubber, April 51.31-51.50
Spot 51.31-51.50
Black crepe 51.31-51.50
No. 1 pale crepe 125-126
—United Press.

NEW YORK PRICE

New York, Apr. 16.

Crude rubber spot No. 1 ribbon smoked sheet 60 nominal.

—Associated Press.

Grain Prices
In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 16.

Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:-

Wheat—price per bushel:
Spot 2.40/2.41
May 2.40/2.41
September 2.40/2.41
December 2.41/2.42
Corn
Spot 1.84/1.85
May 1.84/1.85
September 1.84/1.85
December 1.72/2.15
Rye
May 1.80/1.81
July 1.97/1.98
May 95/96
July 92-93
New York flour—per 200 lb sack \$13.30—United Press.London
Threatened
By Strike

London, Apr. 16.

London's supplies of fresh fruit, vegetables, and flowers will be threatened this week by a strike of 1,000 lorry drivers serving Covent Garden Market.

The decision was taken by 200 driver-delegates of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Their action is expected to "paralyse" Covent Garden.

Mr M. L. Prutton, branch secretary, explained: "The market is overrun with 'scab' labour. Market officials promised to co-operate with us to clean them out."

They have not done so. The strike will mean that no regular driver will enter the market."

Prices closed today here at the end of the official morning session as follows:-

Spot tin, buyers 1.22
May 1.22
Business done 1.22
Three-months tin, buyers 1.10
Three-months tin, sellers 1.10
Business done 1.20-1.10
Business 1.20-1.10
—United Press.Retaliation By
Portugal

Bombay, Apr. 16.

Portugal has decided to restrict trade facilities to Indian nationals in Portuguese colonies throughout Africa, according to Press reports here.

The move is "retaliation" for the Indian Reserve Bank's suspension of exchange allocations to Goa, Portuguese India.

The Reserve Bank alleged that these had been used to import large quantities of arms and ammunition.—Reuter.

U.S. TREASURY

New York, Apr. 16.

Closing bank quotations:

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—Associated Press.

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OFFERS OF COPRA

New York, Apr. 16.

COPRA was offered at \$250 per short ton C.I.F. at the Pacific Coast. Copra oil was offered at 10% cents a pound. F.O.B. mills. There were no sales reported.

The Singapore market was reported quiet.

Demand for copra goods was reported quiet.

—Associated Press.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, Apr. 16.

Position of the Treasury on Apr. 12 compared with corresponding position a year ago:

Total debt US\$384,700,000
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LATE NEWS ON KOREAN SITUATION

"Peace Proposal" Tells UN To "Get Out"

Lake Success, Apr. 16.

North Korea, boasting that the Communists are sure to win, demanded today that the UN get out of Korea.

In identical cables to Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, President of the General Assembly, and to Holland's Daniel Von Balluseck, President of the Security Council, it also demanded that the UN punish what it called "monstrous American atrocities."

It made no mention of the presence of Chinese Communist troops in Korea.

This was the 10th such communication received from North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Hen-on. The previous cables have been shrugged off by unimpressed UN delegations and officials. The same fate probably awaits this one.

A close comparison with the previous communications—the first dated June 28 and the last February 11—shows no modification in the Red position which might indicate any intention of negotiating peace in good faith.

These newest demands were drafted after the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur and give no evidence that this action influenced the Reds in any way.

The cable concluded:

Peking Repeats Allegation

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

Peking broadcast heard in Tokyo reported this morning that 30 American jet fighters made reconnaissance flights over Foochow, Amoy, Changsha and Chongwu (or Chengzhu) in Fukien province on April 13, but were repulsed by Chinese anti-air defence fire. The broadcast said the flight was at 9 a.m.

This was the second alleged attack by American planes reported by the Communists in the past few days. An earlier broadcast claimed that 200 planes appeared on April 11 and strafed Foochow, killing "Chinese civilians."—United Press.

loving peoples expressed in the decisions of the first World Peace Council."

There was a certain qualified optimism in some circles here.

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Again we've good news for you! Our second April air shipment has arrived! We invite your inspection.



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Thai Prince In Korea



Looking decidedly "unroyal" in his battle dress, Prince Chalermal (left), a captain with the Thailand battalion fighting in Korea, trudges along a road on the central front. With him is Lt.-Col. Harold Bruce, an American liaison officer.—AP Picture.

MacArthur's Policies In Japan To Remain

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

General Douglas MacArthur's policies in Japan, including completion of an early and just peace, "are and will remain the policies" of the United States, the presidential envoy, Mr John Foster Dulles said today.

Mr Dulles assured the Japanese people that there would be no change in the plan to conclude any early peace treaty and added that progress had been made during the two months since his peace mission left Japan after discussing terms of the treaty with General MacArthur and Japanese leaders.

"Now we shall discuss with General Ridgway and your leaders the good progress already made and the programme for the days ahead that lie between us and the great goals of peace and justice we seek together," said Mr Dulles.

Mr Dulles returned to Tokyo yesterday from the United States, but a delay en route caused him to miss General MacArthur's departure for Honolulu and the United States by nine hours. The Republican foreign policy adviser revealed that he had talked to the departing general by radiotelephone as their planes passed each other over the Pacific.

Mr Dulles said General MacArthur had urged him to continue to work for a "fair and just" Japanese peace treaty at the earliest possible moment.

"Our peace mission returned to Japan on Friday after the departure of General MacArthur," he said. But he added that MacArthur's successor, Lt-General Matthew Ridgway, is one of America's outstanding leaders, who possesses moral qualities, vision and an unquenchable love of freedom which will assure that the Supreme Command for the Allied Powers will continue in its high tradition."

Mr Dulles, assigned by President Truman to negotiate a Japanese peace treaty, assured the Japanese he would carry out General MacArthur's policy. He said this in a statement issued today.—United Press.

Militia Forces In Kwangtung

Two hundred thousand people in Kwangtung have been mustered as people's militia forces for the defence of the province, says a Chinese press report.

Training centres have been established in Canton, Fatshan, Shaukiwan and Waicho, where the new recruits are given a short period of training and taught the rudiments of military tactics.

Recruits, who have, during the training period, shown signs of special aptitude, are sent to the Military Academy in Canton for training as officers.

Office Bearers Appointed

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association held at the Hongkong University Alumni Premises, the following Office Bearers were elected for the years 1951-1952:

President: Dr Lee Han Liang;

Vice-President: Dr Ho Hung

Chiu; Council Members: Dr

Philip Mao, Dr H. C. Chan,

K. D. Ling, Dr H. C. Pang,

S. W. Teo, Dr Eva Ho, and Dr

S. Y. Kong, with Dr C. W. Lam (Ex-Officio); Hon. Secretary: Dr

Al Fung Cho; Hon. Legal Advisor: Mr C. Y. Kwan; Hon.

Editor: Li Fook Shu.

Seven Appeals Against Sentences Are Refused

Seven appeals against severity of sentence were brought by nine convicted men before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Scholes, this morning. They were all refused, as the Court held that none of the appellants had urged anything on their own behalf to induce the Court to alter the sentences.

Kwok Kam-hoi, 31, Yeung Shing-yau, 36, and Chan Ling-po, 26, appealed against sentence of nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane passed upon them by Mr Justice Gould on March 21.

First appellant said he had parents dependent upon him, when asked what his reasons were for making the application.

The Court also refused Cheung Sze-mui's appeal against his sentence of five years' hard labour for uttering letters demanding money with menaces.

Cheung claimed he was involved in trouble through bad company. He also claimed he had a family to support. All these inter four cases were ordered to have their sentences dated from the date of their conviction.

Breaks Into Godown

Man Admits He Was One Of A Gang

Pleading guilty to breaking into the Swire and McLane Godown at the Tukoo Sugar Refinery, Shaukiwan, early on March 24, with others not in custody and stealing a quantity of pharmaceutical goods valued at \$11,184.85, Wong Wong, alias Wong Yu-ting, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Det.-Sub-Inspector H. M. Day told the Bench that Wong was arrested on April 10 at Kowloon Tsai. He admitted being a member of a gang of five men who broke into the godown, and gave information leading to the recovery of all the property stolen, which was found at 126 Tung Choi Street, second floor.

Two other men and women were also charged with offences connected with the incident. Date for hearing of their case was fixed for June 21 at 9.30 a.m. in court.

Young Hung, 39, unemployed, and Tang Yung, 50, widow, were charged with being accessories after the fact. Chan Tak-fai, manager of the Tin Tak Dispensary, 588 Nathan Road, and Tsol San, 60, widow, were charged with receiving stolen property.

The first three defendants on bail of \$1,500, while the last is on bail of \$2,500. Mr I. W. Gunter is representing Chan Tak-fai.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17

By Air
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Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, S.E. Asia, B.O.A.C.
Africa, South Africa, Rhodesia, French North & West Africa, India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., Air France.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m., via P.A.L.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9.30 a.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.

Japan, Korea, 9 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Macao, 8 a.m., 4.30 p.m., via Yu

Min Tak Shing, China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton, Hunan, Japan, 2 p.m., via Szechuan, Philippines, B.N. Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m., Air Asia.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary

6.00 "Symphony of Spring"—Geraldine and the Chorus (BBCBS); 6.30 "Cantopop by Radio" Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio); 6.50 "Light Piano Parade" (Studio); 7.00 "Russian Folklore" De Ballet; 7.30 "Down Memory Lane" Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 8.00 "World News and News Analysis" (Studio); 8.15 "Box 2000" Bert Millgate at The BBC; 8.30 "Hong Kong Social Welfare—A Talk by Mrs D. F. Landale, Girl Guides Association"; 8.45 "Service For Others" Presented by The Royal Canadian Service (Studio); 8.45 "Operatic Arias sung by Elizabeth Davis (Soprano); 9.00 "From The Editorial" (Recorded Relay); 9.10 "Weather Report"; 9.15 "Relay" (Recorded); 9.30 "Light Orchestra Selections"; 9.45 "Letters From Almair-Cooke (London Relay); 10.00 "Second World War"; 10.30 "Chester Wilton (BBCBS); 11.00 "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 11.15 "Goodnight Music"; 11.30 "Weather Report; God Save The King"; 11.30 "Close Down".

LO KO-YAM EXECUTED

Lo Ko-yam, former Chief-of-Staff to President Yuan Shih-kai and concurrently Chief of the Kwangtung Forces of the Nationalist Army, was executed in Lukfung jail, East Kwangtung recently for reactionary activities against the country.

Lo was alleged to have distributed anti-Communist pamphlets and spread rumours to cause unrest in the province.

Twenty thousand people saw the execution of 17 anti-Communist leaders at Yanping, Kwangtung, early this month, according to a Chinese press report.

Following the execution, a spokesman of the Military Council said that more than 2,000 traitors of the revolutionary cause have been executed in March.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

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